

STATEMENT OF SCOPE

Department of Commerce

Rule No. : Chapters Comm 95, 27 and 2, and PSC 186

Relating to : Mobile Home Parks, Manufactured Homes and Fees

1. Description of the objective of the rule.

The objective of the rule is to do a general update of chapter Comm 95 - Mobile Home Parks. The update will study combining chapters Comm 27 - Manufactured Homes, and PSC 186 - Water or Sewer Service in Mobile Home Parks, with chapter Comm 95. The update will also review the park permit fees in chapter Comm 95 and move those fees to chapter Comm 2 - Fee Schedule. This code update may result in one or more rule packages to be presented for public hearings.

2. Description of existing policies relevant to the rule and of new policies proposed to be included in the rule and an analysis of policy alternatives.

Chapter Comm 27 contains safety and health provisions for the construction, inspection and warranty of manufactured homes. Chapter Comm 95 contains provisions regulating and licensing mobile home parks. Chapter Comm 95 was transferred from the Department of Administration to the Department of Commerce in 2001. The last major revisions to chapter Comm 95 were effective in 1996. Chapter PSC 186 contains provisions regulating persons who supply water or sewer service to mobile home park occupants. The authority to administer chapter PSC 186 was transferred from the Public Service Commission to the Department of Commerce in 2001. Chapter Comm 2 establishes fees charged by the Department for the services the Department provides.

In studying the possibility of combining the 3 code chapters into one chapter, this rule change initiative will review the recommendations made by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Manufactured Housing related to Commerce programs. Installation standards and a complaint resolution system required under federal regulations will be considered along with the use of consistent terminology.

3. Statutory authority for the rule.

Sections 101.92, 101.935 and 101.937, Wisconsin Statutes

4. Estimate of the amount of time that state employees will spend to develop the rule and of other resources necessary to develop the rule.

The Department estimates that it will take approximately 400 hours to develop this rule. This time includes forming and meeting with an advisory council, then drafting the rule and processing the rule through public hearings, legislative review and adoption. The Department will assign existing staff to develop the rule. There are no other resources necessary to develop the rule.

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